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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION MANDATE FOR MTN.

1. SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE STAFF MEMBERS HAVE INQUIRED CONCERNING THE TYPES OF NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY REQUIRED BY OTHER MAJOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE MTN. OUR RESPONSE FOR THE EC WAS THE FOLLOWING: TO NEGOTIATE IN THE MTN THE EC COMMISSION WILL NEED TO OBTAIN A DETAILED NEGOTIATING MANDATE FROM THE EC COUNCIL. AT PRESENT THE COUNCIL HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GIVEN THE COMMISSION GENERAL GUIDELINES WHICH AUTHORIZE

THE COMMISSION TO ENTER INTO THE PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS
AND TO PROCEED TO DISCUSSIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES.
HOWEVER, THE COMMISSION WILL REQUIRE A FORMAL COUNCIL
MANDATE TO ENTER DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS ON SPECIFIC
ISSUES WHICH INVOLVE CONCESSIONS AND OBLIGATIONS TO BE
UNDERTAKEN BY THE EC.

2. WE HAVE NOW BEEN ASKED WHAT TYPE OF CLEARANCE PROCEDURE
OR AUTHORIZATION THE EC COUNCIL WILL NEED. SPECIFICALLY
THEY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE OR
RATIFICATION WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE MANDATE AND FOR ANY
RESULTING TRADE AGREEMENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. FURNISH THE DEPARTMENT WITH
INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY ON WHICH
THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WILL ACT. RUSH

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